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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 27,193 mt of beans and pulses in December, 2002, with India taking 90 percent of total exports. Black Matpe, Mung beans, and Tor Whole (Pidgeon pea) accounted for 90 percent of total exports.

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TRADE

During the month of December, 2002, Burma exported 27,014 metric tons of beans and pulses and 179 metric tons of beans and pulses via border trade for a total of 27,193 metric tons. In December, Black Matpe comprised 45 percent, Mung beans 30 percent, and Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 26 percent of total beans and pulses exports. The major destination was India, who took 90 percent of total exports.

Canada - a total of 44 mt of beans and pulses exported:
44 mt of Bamboo beans.

India - a total of 24,437 mt of beans and pulses exported:
10,655 mt of Black Matpe
1,311 mt of Chick peas
22 mt of Kidney beans
8,583 mt of Mung beans
3,760 mt of Toor whole (Pidgeon pea)
69 mt of Black eye beans
37 mt of Various beans.

Israel - a total of 40 mt of beans and pulses exported
40 mt of Mung beans.

Japan - a total of 241 mt of beans and pulses exported:
121 mt of Black Matpe
40 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
80 mt of Bamboo beans

Malaysia - a total of 335 mt of beans and pulses exported:
335 mt of Black Matpe.

Netherlands - a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:
46 mt of Toor whole (Pidgeon pea).

Pakistan - a total of 398 mt of beans and pulses exported:
299 mt of Black Matpe
99 mt of Mung beans.

Philippines - a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:
24 mt of Small white beans.

Spain - a total of 42 mt of beans and pulses exported:
42 mt of Black eye beans.

Singapore - a total of 249 mt of beans and pulses exported:

184 mt of Black Matpe
 1mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
 64 mt of Mung beans.

Sri Lanka - a total of 298 mt of beans and pulses exported:
 298 mt of Black Matpe.

Thailand - a total of 179 mt of beans and pulses exported:
 179 mt of Matpe.

Tanzania - a total of 860 mt of beans and pulses exported:
 860 mt of Toor whole (Pidgeon pea).

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2001	2002
January	36,599	56,238
February	54,094	71,161
March	89,479	89,864
April	74,704	110,323
May	77,893	127,052
June	113,784	87,163
July	92,535	102,306
August	85,935	80,651
September	36,632	94,296
October	72,264	81,810
November	47,795	49,477
December	43,453	27,193
TOTAL	825,167	977,534
Others*	160,365	----
GRAND TOTAL	985,532	977,534

**=export shipments not covered elsewhere*

PRICES

Export prices set for beans and prices by Price Appraisal Committee that met on December 23, 2002 are: FAQ = Fair Average Quality SQ = Standard Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 205

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 245

Mung beans (Pedesein) (FAQ) US\$ 275

Butter beans (Lima beans)(FAQ) US\$ 300

Toor whole (Pesingon)(FAQ) US\$ 215

In CY 2002 Burma exported a total of 977,534 metric tons of beans and pulses and it is noteworthy to note that the volume of exports were the lowest in December. Untimely rains in November and December damaged some of the beans and pulses and farmers had to reseed again. In some areas excessive moisture due to the untimely rains assisted in the plant growth so much that it stunted the flowering. There were lush green beans and pulses plants but with no seed pods. An official from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation said in an interview with Myanmar Times dated December 26, 2002, that the damage was minimal on beans and pulses as the consequence of the untimely rains in November and December. Nevertheless, the Agriculture Ministry official stressed that some farmers had to seed twice and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation had to provide seeds to the farmers who did not have enough seeds to replant.

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